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Sumac Creek Watershed Assessment – Public Meeting Announcement

Dear Forest Stakeholder,

Watershed analysis is a process used to analyze the elements of an ecosystem within a watershed. The Forest Service and other federal agencies are conducting watershed analyses to shift their focus from species and sites to the ecosystems that support them. It is essentially ecosystem analysis *at the watershed scale*.

The Conasauga Ranger District of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests has recently completed an analysis of the Sumac Creek watershed. Sumac Creek is a major tributary to the Conasauga River, and its entire headwaters occur on national forest land in Murray County, Georgia. The watershed is located north of Mill Creek Road (Forest Road 630), south of Georgia Highway 2, and east of Georgia Highway 411. The nearest town is Crandall, Georgia. The watershed assessment report will be posted on the Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/conf within a few days.

I would like to invite you to participate in a public meeting to discuss our findings and solicit additional information about the area. The meeting will be held **Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 9 am** at our district office at address above.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the meeting so we can be sure to have enough seating available. RSVP to Ruth Stokes at 706-695-6736 ext. 105, or email at rbstokes@fs.fed.us.

Thank you for your interest in the management of your national forests.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michele H. Jones
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